

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Patent Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 2167  
Brian HOLTZ et al. ) Examiner: Mohammad Ali  
Application No.: 10/021,943 )  
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For: FILE TREE COMPARATOR )

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Dear Sir:

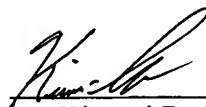
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated January 5, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-24. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b), the fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$500.00. A Petition for a 3 (three) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is enclosed. The fee for the extension is \$1020.00. Thus, a check in the amount of \$1520.00 is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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